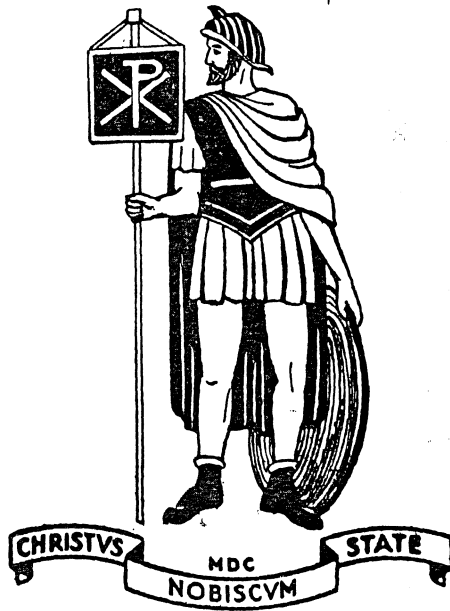


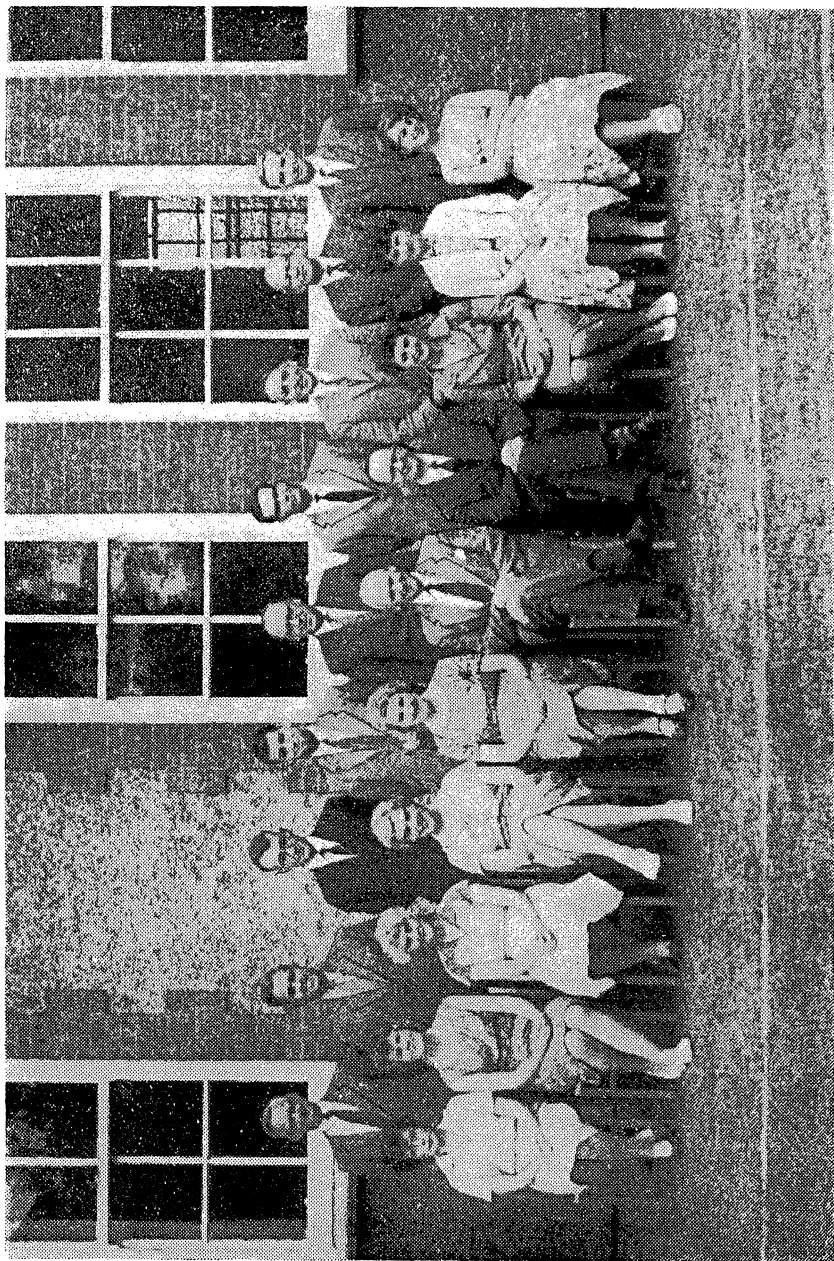
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EDITORIAL

The new buildings are rising rapidly and by next year should be ready for use. This extra living space will, no doubt, relieve the strain on the present overcrowded accommodation which must be endured for a little longer. Temporarily the size of the canteen has been reduced by one third, the boys' playground by a half, the back field and some tennis courts have disappeared, and the Sixth Form room serves also as a dining room. For some months we had only one entrance at the rear of the school, but since Sports Day, a new entrance for boys has been made available.

In spite of these inconveniences, not to mention the inevitable noise and distraction of men and machines at work, academic results have been good in the General Certificate of Education. We are proud to record the sixth State Scholarship gained in the past five years, together with a steady flow of pupils to Universities and Training Colleges, as well as into industry, commerce and public services.

Many Old Scholars will have read in the local press of the temporary suspension of all social activities of the Guild, owing to insufficient support. This drastic action should give us all cause to ponder seriously over its implications and to decide how best we can help to foster that spirit of comradeship and friendly co-operation which is fundamental in a healthy society.

To all who read this record of our activities we extend our best wishes, and to those who have offered their contributions, our thanks.

In October, Miss Simm accompanied a party to Coventry to visit the new Cathedral and the Belgrade Theatre.

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In November, some members of the Art Society visited Birmingham to see an exhibition at the Art Gallery.

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Towards the end of the Autumn Term, a concert was held in the Assembly Hall and most of the School was able to attend and enjoy the programme given by Christine Draper, Jeanetta Wilkes, Ann Ramwell (vocalists), Linda Savage, Ingrid Ison (solo pianists), Beale, Bradley, Aulton, Wilkes (modern dance group), B. Aulton (piano accordionist) and Strain (mimer). The show was confidently compered by Foster.

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At Christmas we were all sorry to say farewell to Miss Baird, who left to get married and to return to her native Scotland. She is now living in Paisley. Miss Baird taught English here for over four years and many pupils will remember her encouragement of their attempts at play acting. We of the "Record" appreciate the help she gave in recent editions of this magazine, and we wish her happiness in her future life.

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In January we welcomed to the staff Miss Farrimond, from Chippenham Grammar School in place of Miss Baird, and at the same time Mr. Lloyd, from Woking Grammar School to take charge of Boys' Games and Physical Training.

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When Term started on Tuesday, January 10th, we noted that turf was being removed for the foundations of the new buildings.

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In January, members of the Sixth Form visited Stratford Theatre to see a performance of "Hansel and Gretel."

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On January 28th a happy day was spent in London by most of IIIb and their friends during an outing organised by Mrs. Southall and accompanied by three other members of staff.

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On February 6th work began on the new buildings which are planned to be finished by July, 1962.

SPORTS DAY, 1961

Veteran visitors to the School Sports will have noticed several major changes in the arrangements. Due to the advent of a new building in the school grounds, the sports ground has been moved to the games field, which is much larger and more adequate for the proceedings, allowing a 440 yards track.

This year the Arts and Crafts Exhibition was housed in the woodwork room, and under these adverse conditions, Miss Simm, Miss Webley and Miss Hewitt ensured that the exhibits were as effectively displayed as usual.

The weather on Tuesday, July 18th proved to be everything we hoped for, and the whole afternoon proceeded without a hitch, much to the credit of the organisers, Mr. J. Lloyd and Miss H. M. Hewitt.

Directly after the final event the whole school gathered on the field for the traditional line-up and singing of the school song. Following this the presentations were made by Mrs. Emrys-Jones, who was thanked by the Chairman of the Governors, Mr. J. B. Shewell and Mr. Hopkins. The proceedings ended with the National Anthem, after which parents were invited to have tea in the School.

C. P. J. MILLS and G. MacALEESE, LVI.

SPORTS DAY RESULTS, 1961

(B, Brownies; J, Jackals; T, Tomtits)

*Indicates a new record

Over Fifteen—Boys

100 yards: 1 Wilkinson (T), 2 Canning (J), 3 Mills (J), 4 R. Wyatt (B). Time: 11.4 secs.

220 yards: 1 Wilkes (B), 2 Canning (J), 3 Wilkinson (T), 4 Day (T). Time: 26.9 secs.

440 yards: 1 Canning (J), 2 Mills (J), 3 Wyatt, R. (B), 4 Taylor, P.A. (B). Time: 61.2 secs.

880 yards: 1 Wyatt, R. (B), 2 Canning (J), 3 Mills (J), 4 Taylor, P.A. (B). Time: 2 mins. 21.6 secs.

Mile: 1 Wyatt R. (B), 2 Wilkinson (T), 3 Taylor, P.A. (B), 4 Mills (J). Time: 5 mins. 13.4 secs.

Hurdles: 1 Wilkinson (T), 2 Brand (T), 3 Taylor, P.A. (B). Time: 16.2 secs.

Discus: 1 Foster (B), 2 Canning (J), 3 Tallis (B), 4 Simcox (T). Distance: 79 ft. 0½ in.

Shot: 1 Canning (J), 2 Day (T), 3 Foster (B), 4 Mills (J). Distance: 33 ft. 8½ ins.

Long Jump: 1 Wilkinson (T), 2 Fridman (B), 3 Canning (J), 4 Tallis (B). Distance: 17 ft. 11 ins.

High Jump: 1 Fridman (B), 2 Thomas (B), 3 Tallis (B), 4 Wilkinson (T). Height: 5 ft. 0 ins.

Javelin: 1 Tallis (B), 2 Foster (B), 3 Day (T), 4 Canning (J). Distance: 109 ft. 8 ins.

Cross Country: 1 Wyatt, R. (B), 2 Tallis (B), 3 Nield (B). Time: 26 mins. 33 secs.

High Jump: 1 Glasspool (J), 2 Forster (J), 3 Shearman (J), 4 Brookes, P. (B), Henderson (J). Height: 4 ft. 2 ins.

Long Jump: 1 Forster (J)*, 2 Glasspool (J), 3 Brookes, P. (B), 4 Whelan (J). Distance: 16 ft. 3 ins.

Cricket Ball: 1 Whelan (J), 2 Righton (T), 3 Glasspool (J), 4 Forster (J). Distance: 178 ft.

Girls

100 yards: 1 A. Price (T)*, 2 S. Fitzmaurice (T), 3 W. Faulkner (J), 4 R. Hallam (B). Time: 13.2 secs.

150 yards: 1 A. Price (T), 2 M. Longford (J), 3 S. Fitzmaurice (T), 4 H. Whitehead (J).

High Jump: 1 W. Faulkner (J), 2 H. Whitehead (J), 3 S. Fitzmaurice (T), 4 L. Woolnough (J). Height: 3 ft. 8 ins.

Long Jump: 1 Y. Hart (J), 2 W. Faulkner (J), 3 M. Longford (J), 4 S. Fitzmaurice (T). Distance: 13 ft. 8½ ins.

Rounders Ball: 1 S. Fitzmaurice (T), 2 M. Wright (B), 3 M. Longford (J), 4 Y. Smith (J). Distance: 144 ft. 5 ins.

Other Events

Mass Relay (Boys, 24x110 yards): 1 Brownies, 2 Tomtits.

Relay (Upper School Boys 4x110 yards): 1 Brownies, 2 Tomtits.

Relay (Lower School Boys 4x110 yards): 1 Tomtits, 2 Brownies.

Relay (Upper School Girls 4x110 yards): 1 Jackals, 2 Brownies.

Relay (Lower School Girls 4x110 yards): 1 Jackals, 2 Tomtits.

Tug-of-war: 1 Brownies, 2 Jackals.

The following presentations were made:—

VICTOR LUDORUM CUP: Canning.

VICTRIX LUDORUM CUP: L. Smith.

JUNIOR VICTRIX LUDORUM CUP: S. Fitzmaurice.

CROSS COUNTRY CUP (for winning house): Tomtits.

CROSS COUNTRY CUP (for winner of senior event): Wyatt, R.

TENNIS CUP: H. Parker.

GAMES SHIELD: Tomtits.

BOYS' SPORTS CUP: Brownies.

GIRLS' SPORTS CUP: Jackals.

SPORTS SHIELD: 1 Jackals, 452 points; 2 Brownies, 353 points; 3 Tomtits, 300 points.

SILVER MEDALS: Homer; Wyatt, R.; Barley; Forster; Greaves; Canning; Wilkinson; L. Smith; S. Fitzmaurice.

BRONZE MEDALS: Tallis; Glasspool; Foster; S. Moore; P. Bullock; A. Busby; W. Faulkner; L. Morrison; A. Price.

CRICKET

Secretary : Bowie; Captain : Day; Vice-Captain : Bennett, J.

The number of matches played this year was small owing to adverse weather conditions. The matches that were played, however, brought to notice several interesting points. It was obvious that our batting was weak, often the recognised batsmen failed, whereas the tail-enders succeeded — and that our bowling was good. Wilkes deserves special mention, because of his long spells of accurate bowling. The fielding, although at first poor, soon improved.

FOOTBALL

Secretary : Bowie; Captain : Day; Vice-Captain : Simmons.

This has been, on the face of it, a disappointing season, but there have been several noticeable features about the team. The most encouraging is that the average age of the team was less than seventeen, and that they all showed extraordinary morale and team spirit, despite defeat after defeat. Our "finest hours" were in the matches against the Old Scholars' XI, the first of which was drawn, and the second won by the Old Scholars in the last dying seconds. A tribute should be paid to Tallis, our 1st XI goalkeeper who, in keeping with the school tradition, stopped more balls than he let through, and also to Guise, our youngest player.

Results—First XI

Greenmore College 7, Alcester 0; Alcester 1, Chipping Campden 5; Alcester 0, King's Norton G.S. 6; Alcester 2, Redditch C.H.S. 9; Alcester 1, Old Scholars 1; Alcester 0, B.U.G.S. 3; Alcester 0, Greenmore College 7; Bromsgrove 12, Alcester 0; King's Norton 8, Alcester 1; Redditch 12, Alcester 0; Chipping Campden 5, Alcester 0; Alcester 1, Old Scholars 2.

Under-Fifteen XI

Alcester 4, Chipping Campden 5; King's Norton 6, Alcester 2; Alcester 1, Bromsgrove 4.

HOCKEY

Captain : R. Wright; Secretary : L. Savage

This year the team consisted of mainly young players so the results of matches against other schools were rather depressing. The team, although young now, should in future years, be very promising.

The 1st XI consisted of : J. Wilkes, M. Bott, J. Duxbury, A. Bailey, R. Wright, C. Oram, P. Jones, L. Smith, E. Gardner, D. Henderson, L. Morrison, D. Pugh, M. Ring, E. Colegate, A. Busby, M. O'Hara, A. Ramwell, Ja. Price, S. Moore.

The 2nd XI consisted of : S. Moore, M. Hall, P. Mahoney, M. Wright, P. Cockburn, Jo. Price, Ja. Price, M. Anderson, L. Gait, J. Thomas, P. Bullock, L. Bird, A. Ramwell, B. Price, M. Ring, K. Day, M. Beasley, I. Ison, A. Nokes, A. Boyd.

Results

	1st XI	2nd XI
Leamington, Blackdown H.S. (September 17th)	3-0 won	1-1 drew
Stratford G.S. (September 24th)	7-0 lost	11-0 lost
Studley College (October 5th)	6-3 lost	
Camp Hill, King Edward's G.S. (October 22nd)	6-1 lost	5-0 lost
Hugh Clopton H.S. (November 5th)	1-1 drew	6-0 won
Chipping Campden G.S. (November 12th)	4-0 lost	6-0 lost
Stourbridge G.S. (November 26th)	7-1 lost	2-0 lost
Worcester T.C. (November 30th)	3-1 lost	
Evesham, Prince Henry's G.S. (January 21st)	7-0 lost	9-0 lost
Blackdown H.S. (January 28th)	2-1 won	2-1 lost
Redditch High School (February 4th)	9-1 lost	7-0 lost
Stratford G.S. (February 11th)	4-2 won	2-0 won
Studley College (February 15th)	3-1 lost	
Worcester T.C. (February 22nd)	8-2 lost	
Bromsgrove High School (March 18th)	6-1 lost	10-0 lost
Stourbridge G.S.	4-2 lost	4-1 lost

The boxes yielded a sum of £73 4s. 11d. and a further amount of £19 15s. 9d. was collected for the Christmas Tree Fund. The response to the appeal for new members was excellent and the subscriptions of the 42 boys and girls from I_A and I_B brought the total amount for the year to £95 2s. 8d. Our 1961 target for this worthwhile work is £100 and I feel sure that we shall reach it.

The following awards were made: Long Service Award, Jean Finnemore and Priscilla Apperley; Founder's Award, D. Bonnie, R. Canning, Anne Ashton, Pat Fowler, Janet Willshaw; Short Service Award, J. H. Price, Lesley Bates, Isabel Highman, Katherine Strasser.

My thanks go to all collectors and to those who help in the collection of boxes and the distribution of magazines.

H.M.H.

JUNIOR LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

This Society, which was formed at the beginning of the year, has its committee members drawn from Forms 2_A and 4_A. Its aim is to encourage members of the Lower School to express themselves clearly and sensibly in speech. Already several promising speakers have appeared in the debates, and it is to be hoped that they will continue to take an active interest in the Society when they enter the Upper School.

On March 13th we held a debate on education. The motion before the house was that "This House deplores the modern system of Education." Middleton, Lewis and Gwynn, all of 4_A supported the motion, while those against were M. Mahoney of 4_A, and C. Strasser and C. Burn, both of 2_A. Some interesting points came to light on such subjects as school dinners, homework and holidays, which a few considered were too long. The motion was eventually carried by seventeen votes to fourteen, with four abstentions.

At the end of the Spring Term it was decided to hold a Prose and Verse Reading Competition, which proved very successful. There were twenty-six entries from the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Forms. Marks were awarded for audibility, quality of diction and variety of tone. Ann Wiltshire, of 2_A was first, with Anne MacAleese of 3_A second, and Katherine Strasser a close third.

Another debate was held at the close of the first half of the Summer Term. The motion before the House was that "Modern youth needs more freedom to express itself." Jeays (3_A) and Barlow (2_B) opposed the motion, which was proposed by Wright (3_A) and Vondrak (2_A). Unexpectedly, during a very good discussion, many points were made against giving more freedom to Modern Youth. The motion was eventually lost by four votes to sixteen.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Miss Webley and the Rev. and Mrs. Emrys-Jones for their valuable help.

The other members are : M. Mahoney, P. Sherlock, L. Smith, L. Savage, C. Smith, J. Moore.

SIXTH FORM NOTES

It would appear that the Sixth Form is now permanently divided, the Lower Sixth occupying a temporary building between the coke heap and the school shrubbery, and the Upper Sixth occupying the staff dining room.

The activities of the Sixth Form have been very varied. To celebrate May Day our chemists attempted to put a steam generator into orbit. Unfortunately the attempt was foiled by a low ceiling.

The Sixth Form has had several opportunities to visit the Royal Shakespeare Theatre at Stratford, and also has participated in a Sixth Form conference on religion, at Redditch. We would like to take the opportunity of thanking all the members of staff who made these visits possible.

The annual Sixth Form Christmas Party was held at the Alcester Town Hall. The event was a tremendous social success and we all look forward to many more of these functions.

We are sad to relate that this year has not been free from accidents. A chemist oxidised his hand with concentrated sulphuric acid, an athlete encountered a vicious dog on the cross-country run, and a certain mathematician suffered extensive damage to his hair from an over zealous barber.

The Upper Sixth has had a most enjoyable year and we would like to wish next year's Sixth Form an equally happy time.

SHEILA SHEPPARD and ROGER CANNING.

LOWER SIXTH NOTES

Due to the separation of the Sixth Form we have decided to write our own chronicle. According to the laws of the School it behoves us to be serious, but as we are not, we cannot be.

Because of age, ailments and the weather, the Lower Sixth girls have not enthusiastically taken part in games during the year, but, in spite of inferiority complexes, have excelled themselves in sports and arts and crafts recently by gaining five medals.

Weather has a considerable influence on the Lower Sixth. We arrived one winter morning to find room fifteen in a state of inundation, with water pouring through three holes in the ridiculously drained roof, as well proofed against the weather as its inhabitants. It is remarkable, on the other hand, what an effect the

OLLA PODRIDA

Bad fish? J.E. believes that a man, intending to kill his friends, bought three bottles and put poisson in two of them.

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S.M. (IVB) claims that she can watch the electric current going round.

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R.I. (III_A) informs us that iron has a velocity four times as great as sulphur.

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We boiled the water and passed the steam through calcium chloride to dry it, says J.G. (II_B).

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R.F. (II_A) tells of the law of conversation of matter. Free speech?

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Unfortunately, according to A.N. (III_B) Columbus did not arrive in America on schedule.

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E.G. (II_A) tells of corrupt persons who drank and gambolled.

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American fashions, fast cars and business typhoons make the U.S.A. a leading nation, according to S.G. (II_A).

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Another anonymous history student believes that Guy Fawkes' plan was to hide in a barrel of gunpowder, then set fire to it.

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According to A.M. (III_A), Rome was surrounded by Charles V.

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Due to his genius as a financier, Walpole was made first Sea Lord.

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N.C. asked J.R.P. if she should put her head in acid.

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Which Fourth Former used logs to divide ten by two?

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"This amorous sulphur needs no further purification"—
P.S. (V_A).

MATIN A MONTMARTRE

There were five of us that morning in Paris when I suggested that we might go to Place du Tertre, the old market square by Sacré Coeur, which is the centre for the artists of Paris. We had visited it briefly as part of the tour on the first day of our holiday, and now, with free time, I wanted to return, and see more of the way in which these painters lived.

We went as far as we could by Metro, and then walked, always upwards, to the very top of the hill. The climb ended in a flight of approximately a hundred and twenty steps, and brought us to the front of the brilliantly white church, the Sacré Coeur de Montmartre, which dominates the city of Paris. Montmartre, the Mount of the Martyrs, is so-called because of St. Denis, St. Rustique and St. Eleuthère, who were beheaded there. Legend tells that afterwards St. Denis "stooped and picked up his severed head and carried it over the hill-top for a mile or two till he dropped dead and was buried by a pious woman, where now stands the Basilica of St. Denis."

We followed the narrow winding street that led round beside Sacré Coeur and discovered a paradise of small art shops and galleries, from which, as we passed, enthusiastic owners hastened to present us with their business cards, illustrated, and advertising discount on anything that we bought. We entered one shop and looked at the works of art—framed pictures on the walls, unframed drawings and sketches in piles on a table, and racks of cheap prints of such well-known sights as Notre Dame and the Eiffel Tower. There was nothing very outstanding, but all were interesting as examples of contemporary French art.

As we neared the square the art shops gave way to little cafés which continued into the Place du Tertre. This is not very big and is surrounded by relatively low buildings, most of which are three or five storeys high. Nearly all of them are grey and have the typical shuttered windows and small balconies of Parisian architecture. A road and pavement ran round the edge of the square, and in the centre, among the old acacia trees, bright sun shades were screening the tables and chairs from the warm sun. One side of this centre part was occupied by two rows of easels, facing each other so that one could walk between them and look at the pictures on either side. Very few artists were actually painting, the idea being, I gathered, rather to display their work. A van drew up and its driver proceeded to unpack his drawings and paintings and arrange them to advantage against the vehicle.

We were taking in the scene when two pleasant-looking men approached. One, addressing one of our group, said: "I weesh to draw you." We followed as he led the way to a table and sat down with his chosen model opposite him. His friend, who spoke English

CYCLIST OR "BIKE-RIDER"?

Several days ago, when I asked a friend if he was a cyclist, he replied, "Yes, I have a bike." From this reply, I deduced that he was not a cyclist, but merely a "bike-rider."

A "bike-rider," according to a few hundred thousand cyclists, is a person who has not yet learned to cycle. The only thing he knows is how to balance his machine and turn his pedals round. He is a person with a "make-do" attitude, relying on inefficient brakes, pedals with missing end-nuts, improperly adjusted cone-nuts and other such faults, which could be rectified in a matter of minutes. The "bike-rider" can usually be recognised by a characteristic rattle, which a cyclist would put right immediately.

He has not learned the secrets of easy cycling, and thinks that those who go cycling for the fun of it, must be more athletic than he and have better cycles. When a "bike-rider" sees a cyclist riding up a hill which he himself is having to walk up, he begins to wonder how the cyclist does it, but manages to convince himself that he could never do it.

A cyclist is a person who really enjoys cycling, because he knows how every part of his machine works, and how and why every part should be repaired and lubricated. He has learned the simple secrets of easy cycling; learned the correct positions of his saddle and handlebars; learned how to use his ankle muscles as well as his leg muscles whilst pedalling; learned how gears help a cyclist and how they work. Cycling comes easily to a true cyclist. This is why he is able to cover such long distances in one day. He does not bother about hills, because he knows how to "cope" with them. In fact, a skilled cyclist enjoys such minor challenges.

If you are a "bike-rider," and wish to become a cyclist, all that is required is knowledge, skill and a love of cycling. After a few months, you will discover what you have been missing for such a long time.

C. J. SUCH (VA).

MUSIC HATH CHARMS

(Translated from the Latin of Ovid)

By all lands and seas was Arion known,
Running waters were held by his lovely song,
His voice kept the wolf from following the lamb,
And the lamb stopped fleeing from the greedy wolf.
In the shade dogs and hares together lay,
And the deer stood next the lioness on a rock,
The noisy crow sat peacefully with the owl,
And the hawk and dove were happily united.

ANITA R. GOODIER (IVA).

from the trees. A slight wind moaned eerily through the trees, causing the mist to curl and uncurl, twist and shiver. Black reeds seemed to clutch at the mist, catching threads on their quivering spikes.

There was scarcely a sound, save a faint protesting croak from the frogs that inhabited the marsh. In the distance came a hoot from an owl preparing for its evening forage, but the marsh was free from the bustle of nocturnal creatures.

Parts of the marsh were covered in stagnant, inky water, here the mist hovered close to the surface. The trees sighed, as if bewailing the fact that they were surrounded by unearthly veils of mist.

As the night advanced the mist thickened until it blotted out the eerie shapes, then, as morning approached, it lessened into white ribbons knotting together boughs of trees and clumps of reeds. As the sun rose the marsh was practically free of mist except for the delicate lacing, tinted pink only by the dawn sky, among the ground vegetation.

As the morning aged the mist dispersed, only to return in the evening as another night mist.

ANN RAMWELL (III_A).

SPRING

Winter's months have passed away,
Flowers grow in bright array.
First come snowdrops peeping through,
Then come daffodils, violets too.

The young lambs frolic in the field,
And young spring crops begin to yield
Their wealth of produce, wheat and hay,
To ripen on a summer's day.

ELAINE WOODCOCK (IB).

WINTER

The wind doth howl and blow,
And streamlets no more flow,
But frozen hard they lie,
While snowflakes on the surface fly.

The trees no longer have green leaves,
The squirrel in his drey he grieves,
For the sunshine which on leaves
Doth dance in summertime.

The snowmen all are glittering white,
And children play in snowball fight,
The bitter wind doth bite their faces,
But homeward yet they make no paces.

The snow in little whirls doth fly.
Beneath the cold and bitter sky,
No more do people come and go,
For the sky is dark and cold winds blow.

N. J. SHEARMAN (IB).

Births

1960

May 8th, to Mr. and Mrs. Shenton (née Kathleen Highman), a son.

September 11th, to Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Lindsay (née Catherine Brazier), a daughter.

September 19th, to Mr. and Mrs. R. Gravestock (née Muriel Compston), a son.

September 21st, to Mr. and Mrs. D. Dipple, a son.

October 3rd, to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Payne (née Dorothy Gravestock), a daughter.

October 22nd, to Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Langston, a daughter.

October 23rd, to Mr. and Mrs. C. Dyer (née Patricia Betteridge), a daughter.

November 23rd, to Mr. and Mrs. R. Smith, a daughter.

November 26th, to Mr. and Mrs. E. Body (née Ann Teel), a son.

December 26th, to Mr. and Mrs. R. D. White (née Pauline Davis), a daughter.

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January 14th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Williams (née Margaret Southwick), a daughter.

January 18th, to Mr. and Mrs. S. Cole (née Joy Parriss), a daughter

January 19th, to Mr. and Mrs. K. J. Milward, a daughter.

January 27th, to Mr. and Mrs. K. Dainton (née Sheila Taylor), a daughter.

February 22nd, to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bomford (née Joan Collins), a son.

February 23rd, to Mr. and Mrs. R. Baylis (née Valerie Jaques), a son.

February 26th, to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. F. Spiers (née Gian Beachus), a son.

March 11th, to Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Greenaway (née Brenda James), a son.

March 22nd, to Mr. and Mrs. R. Stanley (née Cherry James), a daughter.

March 25th, to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Buckley (née Ann Palmer), a son.

March 26th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Haimes (née Janet Winspear), a son.

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January 5th, at Alveston, Ronald Andrew Wheeler to Daphne L. Bailey (1943-'49).

February 2nd, at Studley, Charles Roger Mortimore (1947-'53) to Hilary M. Wilkes (1948-'53).

February 9th, at Ullenhall, David Vivian Burden (1944-'50) to Gillian Alice Graves.

April 3rd, at Alcester, John Charles Emms to Margaret Rose (1946-'51).

April 8th, at Stratford-on-Avon, John Hastie to Mavis Ann Bennett (1948-'53).

May 20th, at Alveston, David Lyon-Smith (1941-'47) to Hilary Diana Pearce.

May 20th, at Great Alne, Maurice Charles Alleley to Janet Mary Bullock (1951-'58).

June 3rd, at Long Marston, Derek Arthur Bidwell to Eileen Joyce Mills (1949-'54).

June 25th, at Amhurst Park, Ivor Malcolm Kirstein to Jennifer Manning (1951-'56).

July 1st, at Chester, Alan Hadwen (1941-'51) to Freda Skitt.

July 1st, at Alcester, Peter Michael Gill (1952-'57) to Eileen Sallis.

July 1st, at Alcester, Peter Michael Gill (1952-'57), to Eileen Sallis.

July 15th, at Alcester, Michael Robert Cooper (1954-'59), to Carol Anne Parry.

July 15th, at Luddington, Martyn Pendrell Ironmonger to Wendy Frederica Davis (1953-'58).

July 22nd, at Alveston, William John Trevor (1947-'53), to Peggy Amelia Courtney.

TOURISM ATTEMPTED

As we pulled and faltered along the steep Pyrenean roads, never exceeding twenty kilometers an hour, surrounded by countryside made more beautiful by its unexpectedness, the driver of the huge Andorran lorry told us in mixed French and English of the mountain tracks and trout streams. Cobbled streets and pleasant villages we had imagined to be an integral part of the scenery of this little sovereign state, perched high in the Pyrenees, but we could never have suspected that Tourism would have such a tight

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Treasurer : R. M. Malin, 39e Dunnington, Alcester.

Chairman

At the first committee meeting, after the 1960 General Meeting, J. Mahoney was elected chairman of the Committee.

Dinner Dance, 1960

The Annual Dinner Dance was held at the Ettington Park Hotel, on Wednesday, November 16th. This event once again proved to be a great social success, unfortunately, owing to rising costs and falling numbers there was once again a financial loss.

Winter Reunion

The Winter Reunion was held at the School, on Saturday, January 14th, 1961, by kind permission of the Governors and the Headmaster. Music for dancing was provided by "The Skyliners' Dance Band," excellent refreshments were again served by Mrs. Rutter and her staff. The attendance, however, was very disappointing for the committee who had put in many hours of work, making preparations. The net result was once again a financial loss.

Easter Dance, 1961

The Easter Dance was held at the Greig Memorial Hall, on Tuesday, April 4th. This was a social success, thanks mainly to the support received from the Ragley Ladies' Hockey Team and their guests from Holland. Music was by the Stan Wyton Dance Orchestra and refreshments were served by Mrs. Nightingale and Mr. J. Cooper. There was a small profit from this event.

Summer Dance, 1961

Owing to the extensive alterations at the School the Committee decided that it would be inconvenient to hold a Reunion there. Instead a dance and social evening was held at the Greig Memorial Hall.

The evening commenced with a car treasure hunt organized by R. Bolt and T. Davis. This was won by the chairman, J. Mahoney.

The indoor activities began at 8 p.m. There was dancing to The Skyliners' Dance Band and during the evening a Beauty

The following were elected: President, E. Davison, M.Sc., 2nd year; Hon. Sec., G. A. Baylis; Treasurer, R. M. Malin, 2nd year; Assistant Secretary, P. Feast, 3rd year; Committee, Alcester District, Mrs. N. Williams, Mr. J. Mahoney, Mr. C. Strain, Mr. M. Dowdeswell, Mr. G. H. Canning. Redditch, Mr. J. Hollifield. Studley District, Miss S. Ingram, Miss S. Hall, Mr. R. Bott, Mr. T. Davis, Mr. W. McCarthy. Astwood Bank District, Mrs. M. Feast, Mr. T. Savage. Stratford District, Miss R. Highman, Mr. A. W. Brand. Staff, Miss Webley, Mr. Thornton, Mr. V. V. Druller.

It was agreed that the Dinner Dance, which had been arranged for Friday, November 10th, at the Grafton Court Hotel, should now become a committee and social function with no financial liability to the Guild. Tickets at 17s. 6d. each are now available from the Secretary, by post or from any Committee member.

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G. Clews was awarded a first-class merit certificate in French at Edinburgh University, and is now continuing her English studies for three more years.

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Stock of Ties, Scarves, Badges,				Accumulated Fund at 1st					
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Cash at Bank	44	5	5	Less Unrealised Profit inclu-					
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				Less Excess of Expenditure					
				over Income for the year ...		22	1	7	
						£77	7	4	
				Creditors			15	1	
	£78	2	5				£78	2	5

R. M. MALIN, Treasurer.

